

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace Paragraph [0001] with the following twice amended paragraph:

[0001] This is a continuation-in-part of United States patent application Serial No. 09/943,248, filed August 29, 2001, and entitled "Noise Attenuating Flexible Cutting Line for Use in Rotary Vegetation Trimmers and Method of Manufacture," now U.S. Letters Patent No. ~~6,910,227~~ 6,910,277, issued June 28, 2005.